



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Yankee Mine for post-closure monitoring of a mining facility has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control (WPC) Permit NEV0089008 is:

Barrick Gold Corp.
P.O. Box 2706
Elko, NV 89803-2706

The facility is located on public land in White Pine County, in Township 21 North, Range 57 East, Sections 10 through 15 and Sections 22 through 27, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The facility is located approximately 30 miles northeast of Eureka, seventy-five miles south of Elko.

The project was an open-pit mine with ore processed by conventional heap leach cyanidation with precious metal recovery by carbon adsorption and electro winning. Currently the facility is in post-closure with long-term heap draindown reporting to an evapotranspiration basin and infiltration field.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for post-closure or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (Publication Date: December 1, 2006) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determinations regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with NAC 445A.405.

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The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Kevin E. Sullivan at (775) 687-9413 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>.

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